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Dear Mr. Riggs:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of 20 July with regard to the possible leasing of a Cadillac limousine for Admiral Raborn, the Director of Central Intelligence.

As I explained to you, the Director's extremely busy schedule makes it necessary for a substantial number of business conversations to take place in his official car between appointments. I am sure you understand that these matters are usually highly sensitive and of great importance to the national security. While we support and are anxious to comply with the spirit of the President's economy directive, at the same time we must give maximum protection to information important to the national interest. It is imperative, therefore, that he be provided a car which has a sliding glass panel between the front and the rear seats. A limousine seems the only answer to this problem, and this solution has been officially accepted by the Bureau of the Budget. However, as you indicated, the Director is not on the official list of those Government officials authorized limousines.

I realize that the leasing arrangement which you have with certain Government officials is not a profitable undertaking and I readily understand your reluctance to expand the existing program. I do believe, however, that the position of the Director of Central Intelligence has special merit and hope that you can act favorably upon this matter.

I understand that there are no 1965 limousines available, but this is not too important. The Cadillac which the Director now uses can certainly be kept in service until the new models come out in early 1966.

**I earnestly hope that you can respond favorably to this request
and await your reply in the not-too-distant future.**

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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Executive Director-Comptroller**

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